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Subject: Heads up for meeting re: Drinking water issues in Benton Harbor Michigan
Attachments: Benton Harbor SDWA Petition_Digital Version.pdf

Hi Matt:

I wanted to give you a heads up about a meeting tomorrow that Radhika would like you to attend if possible.

The City of Benton Harbor, Michigan is having issues with lead in its drinking water. On September 9, a group of residents and community organizations asked EPA to provide immediate assistance to ensure the residents have access to safe drinking water. They are also asking for additional help. The Petitioners include Sylvia Orduno and Jeremy Orr. (petition attached)

Radhika and I met with the Region and OW staff yesterday and today to discuss the situation. Radhika sent a note to the Petitioners requesting a meeting. I spoke to Sylvia today to talk about the meeting, including who she would like to be included. She asked if you could join the meeting with Radhika and some of the career water team to discuss the situation. The meeting will be relatively small (by EPA standards) – three regional staff, and five from headquarters (including you and Radhika).

Because this is urgent, we are hoping to meet with the Petitioners tomorrow afternoon. I wanted to flag this for you before you receive the invitation.

Happy to discuss.

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